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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Chief, Classification Review Division

SUBJECT: The Historical Review Program

CRD Experience in the DI:



19 years
25 years
27 years

71 years total

Clarus Rice's argument against centralized review:

- Only DI analysts are in a position to determine releasability or to sanitize;
- Questions capability of OIS staff to make such decisions.

Counter arguments:

- Precedents from doing FRUS and other jobs such as the petroleum publication;
- DI will coordinate to check OIS work;
- Expect to add reviewers with DI experience;
- CRD currently has 71 years of DI experience represented;
- Review experience leads to review expertise;
- Younger DI employees will have trouble with older Agency material;
- Would overlook consistency in review actions that centralized review will improve upon.

NOTE: In terms of workload on DI in selecting material, OIS could help by picking up certain people like [redacted] who is in the Document Library and use [redacted] who is the most knowledgeable employee in the Agency on the INTELEFAX system.

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LOCATING DOCUMENTS IN THE DI:

They will be found via:

- INTELEFAX
- IPI

These two indices cover all collateral documents up to October 1967. IPI, for finished intelligence, was created about 1954. INTELEFAX includes all raw material (and finished intelligence up to 1954) including material from other IC agencies like DIA, etc.

SI material is handled separately. [] knows the INTELEFAX system better than anyone and could teach someone to take over.

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[] could pull the documents but would need clerical help, because finding old material can be time consuming. [] has worked in the Documents Library for about 20 years. He is now looking for a different position. Whether or not he would consider doing the same type of work for the new program, sufficiently different and interesting, is not known at this time.

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